

Farm Review & Forecast

Julian Edwards Named 'Livestock Man Of Year'

JACKSON - The Northampton County Livestock Development Association held its annual ladies night program on February 23. The highlight of the meeting was the recognition of Julian Edwards of Rich Square as the "Livestock Man of the Year." The award was initiated on an annual basis by the association in 1962.

Edwards has been one of the outstanding livestock farmers in Northampton for several years. He maintains a herd of approximately 100 brood sows. The majority of the pigs produced on the Edwards' farm are finished out to slaughter weights. Occasionally some pigs are sold as feeders in excess. Edwards utilizes a cross-breeding program in the production of his hogs and does an excellent job of purchasing good, meaty herd hogs to sire his pigs. A large percentage of the hogs he produced are always in the No. 1 grade.

A herd of Angus cattle is another enterprise on the Edwards' farm. The herd is constantly being upgraded through the purchase of good performance tested bulls. Performance tested heifers have also been added to the herd as a means of increasing the quality of the cattle produced. The calves that are produced in this operation are sold in the state-sponsored feeder calf sale held at Bentons Hill Stockyard each fall. These winter dropped calves generally average in excess of 500 pounds when weaned off in September.

Good management and a keen awareness of livestock needs are some of the ingredients that make this operation a successful one. Edwards also produces row crops in his operation, however, this is one case where row crops might well be a supplementary source of income to the livestock operation.

Previous winners of the award are Cecil Maddrey, Severn; Walter Britton, Lasker; and Hugh Hollowell, Rich Square.

Livestock Assoc. Begins 1966 Membership Drive

JACKSON - The Northampton County Livestock Development Association held its annual ladies night program on February 23 with 54 people in attendance. The meeting was held in the Lions Club Building in Jackson.

The program was presented by John Christian, extension food science specialist. Christian gave a most interesting program on the food industry and changes that have taken place in the food industry over the past year. Part of his program was also devoted to the economical selection of meats for use in the home.

The 1966 membership drive was also initiated at the meeting as community membership chairmen were appointed. Persons writing memberships in the various communities are:

4-H Honor Club Names New Officers

PENDLETON - Wayne Woodard, Northampton County 4-H Honor Club president, presided at the first meeting of 1966 on Thursday evening when the club met at Robert's Chapel Church with the Roberts Chapel Honor Club members acting as hosts.

The program of work was discussed and new members welcomed to their first meeting. The following officers for the coming year were elected:

President, Julius Warren; vice president, Betty Anne Edwards; secretary, Georgia Boone; treasurer, Wayne Woodard; corresponding secretary, Connie Jenkins; social committee, Wayne Woodard, Connie Jenkins, Georgia Boone and Richard McDowell; Mrs. Mildred C. Jenkins, assistant home economics extension agent, and Zackie Harrell, assistant agricultural agent, were present at the meeting. The hosts served punch, cookies, and fruit cake squares to the following:

Connie Jenkins, Judy Lassiter, Georgia Boone, Betty Anne Edwards, Sandra Edwards, Anna Beale Burgess, Debbie Fisher, Julius Warren, Wayne Woodard, Wallace Long, Richard and Roger McDowell, Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. Harrell.

The next meeting of the honor club will be with Judy Lassiter in Conway.

-Anna Beale Burgess
Retiring Secretary

Safety Group Plans Trip To Capital

RICH SQUARE - The W. S. Creevey school safety patrol is planning to go to Washington, D. C., to drill in the National School Safety Patrol Parade. By the spring the patrol expects to be in excellent shape.

Meetings are at 2:30 on Mondays and inspections are held at 8:15 on Fridays. On Fridays the patrols are dressed in their uniforms ready to perform their duties.

The officers are: Captain, John Edmonds; secretary-treasurer, Peggy Ward; assistant secretary - treasurer, Naomi Ward; lieutenants, Diana Wright, Enola Harvey, Naomi Ward; reporter, Diana Wright; program and social committee, Rosalind Boyce and Denise Lassiter.

With the help of Mr. John Pelham, teacher - sponsor, the patrols have progressed rapidly.

-Diana Wright
Reporter

Northampton County Soil Conservation Notes

By JOHN B. LITCHEFIELD
Soil Conservation Service

Just a few weeks ago the land was so dry people were wondering if it would ever get wet again. Now we know. Again farmers cooperating with the Northampton Soil and Water Conservation District are having a chance to see their conservation farming practices pay off.

The importance of using a combination of practices fitted to the needs and capability of the land has been well demonstrated.

Drain tile installed last week for William T. Bridgers and Grady Lassiter was running to capacity the first of this week. They expect the tile to draw the excess water out of their land so that farming operations will not be delayed. They have set up a program for installing tile over a period of several years as part of their conservation farm plans.

In addition, their drainage work they also plan to build terraces on their sloping land.

to get started using it.

Mrs. George Flythe, of Conway, added 800 feet of tile last week to a system that was started last year.

Dewitt Gay, of Seaboard, is looking for the land to get dry enough to build terraces. His conservation plan includes parallel terraces and grassed waterways for his sloping land. The terraces will be laid out and built so they can be worked with four-row equipment. The work is scheduled to be carried out over a period of several years.

Last week he installed 1,500 feet of drain tile to help one of the wet spots on his farm. This brings up a total of more than 14,000 feet of drain tile he has installed over a period of about four years.

William H. Crawford, of Roanoke Rapids, is planting fescue on land that will be retired from cultivation under the 1966 cotton program. He says he doesn't want the land to just lie out and idle. Fescue will protect it from erosion. The roots extend deep into the soil to help improve its structure and tilth. It has been found effective in controlling nematodes. It also helps keep down weeds. Fescue has proved to be a valuable addition to conservation cropping systems. Many farmers will find this a good way

to get started using it.

Soil Conservation Technician H. R. Bryant, of the Soil Conservation Service, helped P. A. Bullock, of Seaboard, to make layout surveys for 2,850 feet of drain tile last week.

The drainage is only one of the conservation practices he uses as part of his soil and water conservation plan. He has found field borders of fescue to be particularly valuable. These have been established along the woodland edges of his fields to provide protection from erosion and to give good solid turn rows. The borders are maintained with a rotary mower.

The following is quoted from "ASCS in Hawaii," the newsletter of the Hawaii ASCS State Office:

"Some say he is just a farmer. A close look shows that he is an executive with his home his office; a scientist experimenting with the latest devices; a purchasing agent in an old straw hat; a personnel director with the grime of toll on his hands; a dedication with passion for the latest in forage and feed; a production expert with a surplus; and a manager battling the cost - price squeeze."

Grady L. Flowers began work in Northampton County this week as a Soil Conservation Techni-

Vaughan Re-Elected To Soil Post

JACKSON - Russell Vaughan of Lasker was re-elected chairman of the Northampton Soil and Water Conservation District Monday, February 28. Other officers are Cecil Maddrey, vice chairman; W. W. Grant, secretary; and Joseph D. Jenkins, treasurer. All were re-elected for another year.

A policy memorandum covering relations between districts and the Soil Conservation Service was reviewed by J. B. Litchfield. In the discussion it was brought out that the district is a local subdivision of the state. It has entered into a partnership arrangement with the federal government through memorandums of understanding for getting

the conservation job done. Supervisors present were J. Russell Vaughan, W. W. Grant, Joseph D. Jenkins, James Taylor Edwards. Meeting with them were Mrs. Ronald Boone, district clerk; J. B. Litchfield, H. R. Bryant, G. L. Flowers and J. F. Britton of the Soil Conservation Service.

Garden Club Launches Town Improvement Plan

RICH SQUARE - Reacting to the contest slogan, "You Can't Win Sitting Down," the Rich Square Garden Club has entered the North Carolina Improvement contest with visions of emerging a winner.

And winners they will be. Even if they do not capture one of the eight cash prizes, first prize is \$500, they will be winners in the hearts of their fellow townspeople for launching a town improvement campaign.

The contest is co-sponsored by the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., and Sears Community Improvement Fund. It closes on March 31, 1966, according to Mrs. W. E. Worrell, Garden Club president.

Cooperating with the Garden Club in their efforts are the Rich Square Chamber of Commerce, Flower and Art Club, Volunteer Fire Department and the Jaycees.

Mayor Charles E. Myers has proclaimed March as "clean up month" stressing outdoor clean up, fix up, paint up and plant up. This week the following letter was mailed from the participation

to accomplish this clean-up task, everybody's cooperation will be needed. We plead with you to help us and make our community a cleaner and better place in which to live.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO CHECK YOUR PEANUT SEED
"PLANT ONLY TESTED SEED"

- Now is the time to have germination test run on seed saved
- Collect representative sample of each lot of seed.
 - Shell one (1) pint for germination test.
 - (a) TZ test will give both potential germination and energy level.
 - (Local facilities are available for TZ test.)
 - (b) Standard germination test conducted by N. C. Department of Agriculture in Raleigh.
 - (One pint of shelled seed treated with Arasan or Thiram.)
- Plan to use the Multiple Variety Concept in your Peanut Program.
- Plant for Optimum Maturity
- EARLY GROUP**
Florigiant
(Runner variety—optimum maturity 140-150 days)
- MEDIUM EARLY GROUP**
Va. 61R, Va. 56R
(Runner varieties—optimum maturity 145-155 days)

- NC-4x
(Bunch variety—optimum maturity 145-155 days)
- MEDIUM GROUP**
NC-1, NC-2, Mixture 2/3 NC-2 + 1/3 Ga 119-20)
(Bunch type—optimum maturity 150-160 days)
- LATE GROUP**
NC-5—Seed limited only to certified growers. (Semi-runner — optimum maturity 160-170 days)
Ga. 119-20
(Bunch variety—optimum maturity 160-170 days)
- NOTE:
To insure maximum germination make sure that peanut seed are thoroughly treated with one of the recommended seed treatments.

Now is the time to apply lime and fertilizer according to recommendations before breaking land.
Use "Trash Covers" on moldboard when breaking land.

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